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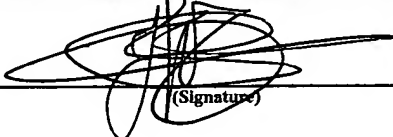
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Dear Sir:

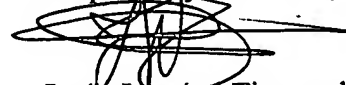
**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records we have not yet received an Official Action on the merits for this application. The last action we received was a Notice of Publication of Application, with a Publication Date of 6/27/2002.

Inasmuch as the application was filed more than 18 months ago, the lack of such Official Action seems to be unusual, and so we invite your attention to the matter.

In view of the circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that he be advised of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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